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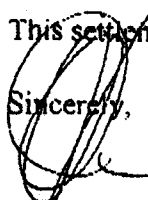
Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter is being written to the courts in support of the proposed settlement in the case of US v. Microsoft. I am extremely concerned about the state of our economy and believe a settlement in this case would provide a greatly needed boost.

The government's case against Microsoft has been devastating to our economy. One need not look any further than a graph of the Dow Jones since the case began. It is a straight line down. Yes, there were other factors. But I don't think we can ignore the effect of putting the most important American company of the 21st century into a state of paralysis.

This settlement needs to be completed so the economy can begin its long climb back.

Sincerely,



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